

Boonah Show Society Newsletter

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Best wishes to Ray & Linda Maguire for the speedy recovery of Kimberley following her serious accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Get well wishes to Lloyd Brasington.

Thanks to everyone for your good wishes following my surgery for a new knee. It is all going well, I just have to be patient!

DATE CLAIMERS

Show Meeting :- Tuesday 7TH August 2012 commencing at 7.30p.m.

Horse Stewards Meeting: Wednesday 22nd August commencing at 7.30p.m.

Management Committee Meeting:- Tuesday 28th August

UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM Tuesday 25th September 2012

National Motorhome Rally- 14th-21st October 2012

2013 Boonah Show:- Friday 17th & Saturday 18th May

Well, a lot has happened since our last Newsletter in April. We once again held a very successful show, despite the problem with our date. Gate takings were down on last year, which we must remember was a record Show, and it is hard to keep breaking records! The most noticeable loss was in the Stud Cattle Section, certainly clashing with Beef Week in Rockhampton is not something we want to do again! We had 375 head of Prime Cattle, which was a tremendous effort. Horses were down, and we really should not have been, but this seems to be happening at a lot of shows. However, we had a large number of Jumpers, with the finals extending into the Night Show program, which was a bonus for the spectators waiting for the Night Show. The Night Show program was once again a huge crowd pleaser, the fireworks were most spectacular and the weather was perfect. All the Stewards are to be congratulated for the great pavilion displays, they were really excellent. The Sunday, being Mother's Day was most disappointing, and was probably the area most affected by the change of date.

SHOW DATE

Well, the saga has continued regarding our Show Date. Probably the best way to bring everyone up to date is to repeat the press release sent to the Guardian following the Special Meeting.

Boonah residents can begin planning for the 2013 Show date back on its traditional third weekend in May. This follows from a rather vocal meeting at the Showgrounds last Tuesday night. Representatives attended from Ipswich Show Society to present their case for taking this weekend for their Show, but were unable to obtain the support from the majority of the Show Society Members and community members who attended the meeting.

After lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of changing the date, mainly being clashing with other local events which are traditionally held on the 2nd weekend on May, the loss of Stud Cattle exhibits when the show would clash with Beef Week in Rockhampton, the risk of losing major Agriculture, Fruit & Vegetable, Poultry, Horse, Honey & Pavilion Exhibitors, and perhaps also some Stewards, by clashing with Ipswich, were all raised and the consequences considered. The fact that Boonah has held their show on this weekend for decades, the traditions of our own local Show, and the principle of having this date taken away from us were probably the major reason for the consequent decision.

A motion was eventually proposed that Boonah Show remain on the third weekend in May, (20th week of the year, and the same day as Ipswich, Brookfield & Gympie) was eventually moved and carried by a small margin. This was always going to be a hard decision to make, no matter which way the vote went, it was a lose-lose situation for Boonah, so now that the decision has been made, it is up to Boonah to make it work.

The Committee will now be looking to the Boonah Community to support this decision. There will be a loss of visiting exhibitors and perhaps some stewards, and this is most unfortunate. Boonah really values our exhibitors, stewards and sponsors, for without them, we really don't have a show. However our own locals now have a huge opportunity to become exhibitors, stewards, or to increase their sponsorship, to rally behind the Show Society to ensure that the show is not damaged in any way by this decision, and even grows stronger and better.

Boonah would also endeavour to confer with both Ipswich and Brookfield to ensure that some events can be arranged in such a way that Exhibitors can compete in all shows to their advantage.

Tradition plays a huge role in the success of any show, and every part of the show is important to ensure the staging of a complete agricultural show, giving our locals the opportunity to show what Boonah has to offer, to promote our district, as well as provide some great entertainment and trade displays, and the opportunity for a community and families to come together and have fun, is what makes a really good show, and this is what Boonah Show Society is really proud of. However, the Show Society is going to need a bit more help to continue doing this. Please contact any members or the Office if you would like to be involved in any way.

SO NOW WE MOVE ON!

Date for the 2013 Show will be Friday & Saturday 17th & 18th May. (There will be no Sunday Show)

Running our Show on the same weekend as Ipswich is not going to be easy, and will require everyone to pull together and work hard to make it work. Many of our sections will be affected, especially by the loss of exhibitors, and in some case Stewards. Our meeting on the 7th August will be a very important meeting, as we work out our strategies for handling the situation. Please come along and show your support.

HELP WANTED!

Catering for the CMCA Rally. We will be providing dinners each evening of the Rally from Monday to Saturday. Workers are required each day from 9 a.m till 7 p.m. Please contact Lorelle or myself.

Caterer Convenor. Lorelle has advised that she is unable to continue as our Convenor after the end of the year. We will really miss the great job she has done, and now require someone to take her place.

HORSE STEWARDS:- Chief Steward Shane Clausen & Assistant Rose Kleise have advised that they cannot continue in these roles owing to work commitments. They are still happy to Steward on the day, but we now require a new Chief Steward & Assistant. A Horse Stewards Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd August at 7.30 p.m, so if anyone is interested in being involved with the Horse program, please let me know, or attend the meeting.

GRANTS:- Our application for a grant for \$34,000-00 from Gambling Benefit Fund for the final upgrade of power on the grounds was successful, so everything will be up to safety standards in time for the CMCA Rally. Scenic Rim Council has provided a \$5000-00 Community Grant towards the cost of hosting the CMCA Motorhome Rally. We were not so successful with our application for a Grant from Jupiter's for the final stage of the Arena Lighting, or from RACQ for upgrade to our roads following the flood damage.

OFFICE UPGRADE:- The Office is looking great after a long overdue facelift!. Some new paint, carpet, blinds, a new counter, cupboards and a filing cabinet has worked wonders. Managed to get rid of a lot of rubbish and a big clean up at the same time. Thanks to Trevor, Mark & Tyler for all the help.

PAINTING:- Palen Creek Prisoners have commenced the painting of the Office. Thanks to Mark Eather who is supervising this, on Monday and Wednesday each week until completed. Anyone who would like to give a hand, would be most welcome.

PRIME CATTLE YARDS:- The Management Committee approved a budget of \$5000-00 a year for the next 5 years to continue to purchase steel rails for the upgrade to the Cattle yards. They will be using the Palen Creek Prisoners to make up panels & gates , and try to keep ahead of the white ants in the old yards!

AGM Meeting Date. The Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th September. This is an opportunity for any members to nominate for a position on the Management Committee. We are always needing new Members, so now is the time to consider it. Nomination papers and membership accounts will be sent out at the end of August. You must have been a financial member for at least 12 months to nominate for a position on the Management Committee.

RITCHIES IGA COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD Don't forget to use your Community Benefit Card for the Boonah Show Society. If you don't already have one, you can ask for one from IGA or pick up one from the Office. Every little bit counts!.

EMAIL ADDRESSES We are still chasing email addresses, so if you have not already advised the office, please do so. Please email it to boonahshowsoc@westnet.com.au

The Next Show Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th August, commencing at 7.30p.m. Please treat this newsletter as a Meeting Notice.

Beth Hern Secretary